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1. (U) THE PRESS ~~HERIA/KARRX~~ CARRIES REPORTS CITING "RUMORS CIRCULATING AMONG OFFICIAL SOURCES" THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO ORDER JACOBO TIMERMAN'S RELEASE SOMETIME THIS WEEK, STRIPPING HIM OF HIS ARGENTINE CITIZENSHIP AND EXPELLING HIM FROM THE COUNTRY IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE RECENT SUPREME COURT FINDING THAT HIS CONTINUED DETENTION BY THE JUNTA WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. A JUNTA MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, AND ACCORDING TO INFORMED PRESS SPECULATION, THE JUNTA DECISION REGARDING TIMERMAN WILL BE ISSUED AT THAT TIME. A MEETING OF THE FULL PLENARY OF ARGENTINE ARMY GENERALS IS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY SEPTEMBER 24 AND THERE IS SPECULATION THAT THE TIMERMAN ISSUE WILL BE AMONG THOSE DEALT WITH AT THAT MEETING ALSO.

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2. (U) THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON THE PRESS SPECULATION REGARDING TIMERMAN'S POSSIBLE RELEASE, BUT ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL VIOLA INFORMED THE PRESS SEPTEMBER 21 THAT IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TIMERMAN CASE WERE IN THE OFFING.

3. (U) THE PRESS HAS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE GUARD ON TIMERMAN'S RESIDENCE HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED IN THE WAKE OF THE SUPREME COURT DECISION AND PRESS REPORTS CONCERNING HIS POSSIBLE RELEASE.

4. (U) TO DATE THE TEXT OF THE SUPREME COURT DECISION HAS EVIDENTLY BEEN KEPT SECRET AND THE COURT HAS NOT EVEN CONFIRMED THAT IT HAS RULED IN THIS MATTER. CLARIN, SEPTEMBER 23, COMMENTING ON THE SUPREME COURT ACTION STATED THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WAS SURPRISED BY THE COURT DECISION WHICH CLARIN HERALDS AS A NEW DEMONSTRATION OF THE COURT'S INDEPENDENCE VIS-A-VIS THE EXECUTIVE.

5. (C) THIS CONTENTION SEEMS TO BE SUPPORTED BY A COMMENT GIVEN US LAST WEEK BY THE RECENTLY-ARRIVED FRENCH MINISTER-COUNSELOR WHO WHEN CALLING ON SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT GABRIELLI LAST WEEK WAS INFORMED THAT THE COURT WAS ABOUT TO ISSUE A BOMB SHELL THAT THE EXECUTIVE HAD NOT ANTICIPATED.

6. (U) CLARIN ALSO REPORTED THAT WHEN THE IAHRC RAISED THE REPORTED COURT DECISION REGARDING TIMERMAN IN A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT VIDELA, THE PRESIDENT RESPONDED

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THAT ARGENTINA WOULD FULFILL ITS CONSTITUTIONAL TRADITION IN THIS MATTER.

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